

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	ka	arrow
/b/	b	/n/	n	/v/	v	b	basɩ	eggplant
/t/	t	/ɲ/	ny	/s/	s	c	cɪr	chief
/d/	d	/ŋ/	ŋ	/z/	z	d	da	mother
/ɕ/	c			/r/	r	e	ser	sheep
/ɕʝ/	j			/l/	l	ɔ	fɔm	hare
/k/	k			/h/	h	ɛ	le	mouth
/g/	g			/w/	w	f	fu	white
				/y/	y	g	ga	guinea fowl
						h	he	calabash
/i/	i					i	ji	clay
/ɪ/	ɪ			/u/	u	ɪ	hi	to say
/e/	e	/ɔ/	ɔ	/ɔ/	ɔ	j	jeɛr	court
/ɛ/	ɛ	/a/	a			k	kaara	maize
						l	la	rain
/N:/	VV					m	maasɩ	broom
/N/	Vn					n	noom	folktale
						ny	nyɪ	child
						ŋ	ŋua	bull
						o	woso	sun
						ɔ	wɔ	hand
						p	pɛɛra	cloth
						r	har	rope
						s	sisi	horse
						t	tur	ear
						u	muku	worm
						v	kur	chicken
						v	vɔŋga	branch
						w	woso	sun
						y	ye	salt
						z	zɔɔn	bee

Tones:

high
low
high low

ALPHABET

a b c d e ɔ ɛ f g h i ɪ j k l m n ny ŋ o ɔ p r s t
u v w y z

number of graphemes 31

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